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Subject: Apparatus and Method for Forwarding Encapsulated Data
Packets on a Network Having Multiple Links Between Nodes

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Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir,

In the specification:

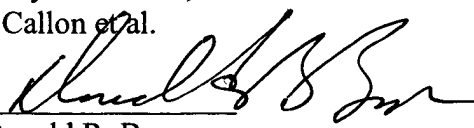
Please add the section entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Documents"
beginning at line 4 as follows:

The present application is a continuation application of copending
patent application serial number 09/444,921, which was filed on
November 24, 1999, and which is incorporated herein in its entirety.

If there are any fees due beyond any fees paid with the present application and
amendment, such fees are authorized to be deducted from deposit account 50-0534.

Respectfully Submitted,
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